

Gainesville - Hall Metropolitan Planning Organization

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Flowery Branch - Gainesville - Hall County - Oakwood

POLICY COMMITTEE Georgia Mountains Center Minutes of May 10, 2011 Meeting

Voting Members Present:

Mayor Ruth Bruner, City of Gainesville
Alan Wayne, Hall County
Dave Cox, GDOT
Bill Andrew, City of Flowery Branch
Mayor Lamar Scroggs, City of Oakwood

Voting Members Absent:

None

Others Present:

Robert Mahoney, GDOT
Kim Coley, GDOT
Phil Peevy, GDOT
Carlos Gonzalez, FHWA
Jeff Gill, The Times
Stan Brown, City of Oakwood
Larry Sparks, City of Oakwood

Randy Knighton, GHMPO
Srikanth Yamala, GHMPO
Connie Daniels, Hall County
Jody Woodall, Hall County
Phillippa Lewis Moss, Gainesville-Hall CSC
Rich Ticehurst, Hall Area Transit

1. Welcome

Mayor Scroggs called the meeting to order and welcomed everyone.

2. Approval of March 8, 2011 Meeting Minutes

MOTION: Mayor Bruner made a motion to recommend approval of the March 8, 2011 Minutes with a second by Mr. Wayne and the motion passed by a unanimous vote.

3. Recommendation to Approve the Draft FY2012 Unified Planning Work Program

Mr. Yamala explained that the only significant change in this document since it was presented to the Policy Committee in March was that plans to conduct a Freight Study have been postponed. Due to Hall County budget constraints the 20% local match is not available at this time. GDOT has been asked to bank the funds so the study can be conducted at a future date. The MPO staff will continue to seek other funding options.

The Technical Coordinating Committee and Citizens Advisory Committee reviewed the draft document and recommend the Policy Committee approve it.

MOTION: Mr. Wayne made a motion to approve the Draft FY 2012 UPWP with a second by Mayor Bruner and the motion passed by a unanimous vote.

4. 2040 Metropolitan Transportation Plan

Mr. Carroll presented an update on the 2040 MTP explaining the projected growth rates in revenues and expenditures. Some projects in the tiers may have to be eliminated and/or certain phases may have to be delayed due to a revenue shortfall of \$503 million.

The second 2040 MTP public meeting was held on March 8 and was well attended. The third and final public meeting will be on June 14, 2011 at 5:30 p.m. at the Georgia Mountains Center with a 30 day public comment period to follow. The final plan will be presented to the MPO Committees in July and early August and has to be adopted by August 9, 2011.

5. Jurisdiction and Agency Reports

Representatives discussed the status of transportation projects being completed by their jurisdictions: Mr. Andrew for the City of Flowery Branch, Mayor Bruner for the City of Gainesville, Mr. Brown for the City of Oakwood, Mr. Mahoney for GDOT, Mr. Woodall for Hall County and Ms. Lewis Moss for HAT.

6. Upcoming Meeting Date

The next Policy Committee meeting is scheduled for August 9, 2011.

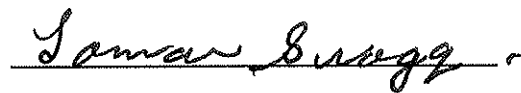
7. Other

Mr. Brown said the Hall County Joint Municipal Association had asked him to check on the Local Maintenance and Improvement Grant (LMIG) fund distribution formula. He learned that no laws exist that say the funds cannot be distributed similar to the regional transportation sales tax. The association wants to see the process streamlined and ensure that the cities and counties receive their fair share.

MOTION: Mayor Bruner made a motion to request GDOT distribute LMIG funds to the cities and counties based on the transportation sales tax formula with a second by Mr. Andrew and the motion passed by a unanimous vote.

8. Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned by the Chairman at 11:07 a.m.



Lamar Scroggs, Chairman



Connie Daniels, Secretary